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This Is How We Grow

In our files is a letter received recently:

"I graduated from Dale Carnegie Institute not very long ago and was elected director for a class which graduated in May. At a post-graduate session I gave a two minute talk on 'A Good Source of Information for Public Speaking Subjects,' using a copy of Between the Lines as my example. With no solicitation whatever, I received twelve subscriptions from a class of eighteen!"

E.H.O., Chicago

Scores of teachers, ministers, professors and others have written us that they find rich, timely material in each issue; condensed, to the point, and ready to be clipped out and used.

Sidney Hillman

You'd better get acquainted with the facts concerning Sidney Hillman. As head of the CIO political activities, he is a new boss behind the scenes in Washington. You'll be hearing more and more about him. For three years now we have been advising our readers of the development in labor political power which is now coming to fruition in Sidney Hillman.

The labor political movement will, of course, have its ups and downs, and will ebb and flow, but it will, in the long run, steadily become the increasing force in American political life. While the CIO is creating a tight, solid organization to elect or defeat particular candidates, the AFL is cultivating the labor vote on more general terms, but yet effectively. A campaign to recruit 7,000,000 labor voters has been started by the AFL. Local, nonpartisan political committees are being formed in every part of the country and in Alaska and Puerto Rico. The object of these committees is to get all AFL members to register and cast a vote. William Green, AFL president, states that his organization does not intend to become involved in partisan political activity or to become identified with political organizations, but a labor vote, consisting of the CIO adherents and the AFL's seven millions, for labor's interests will be a factor to reckon with. Even so, labor will often fail to win elections, but the power and significance of this growing trend is clear.

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IF WE COULD GAIN an all-over view of things in this hour of greatest confusion, we should make two important discoveries: First, in the blind groping of man, God's will is still in evidence, working out His divine purposes through human movements; second, our individual opportunity and responsibility *do* matter. God does not have to have our help to fulfill His plans, for history in the end will do His bidding, but we must have His help to rise out of the shapeless morass of human inadequacy to fulfill that glorious part He has destined for every human soul that will bestir itself to a partnership with divine Will.

X-Ray and Forecast

The average American does not realize that there is as much confusion now in Washington and London as to when and how the war will end as there is in the mind of the individual citizen. Nobody—Roosevelt or Churchill, Stalin or deGaulle—knows any more about it than you do. They keep up a front of "wisdom and knowledge withheld," but they are just guessing, and their guesses cover a wide and disordered pattern. If you need proof of this read our brief report in this issue concerning the fact that one-third of the war expenditure of our government is expected to become a mountain of useless goods. We knew so little about what we were up against that, out of $260,000,000,000 spent, $103,000,000,000 is waste of which only about $20,000,000,000 can be salvaged. War is an insane, wasteful, bloody method of solving human problems and would never survive were it not for the fact that from it some men can get rich and politicans carve out a place in history for themselves that would never be possible if they had had to depend on sane, constructive achievement.

Not Prepared for Peace

The one thing you can be sure of is that we are not prepared for peace. In Wall Street recently many of America's greatest financial leaders met to discuss the possibilities of a sudden end of the war in Europe and the measures necessary to face it. The following points came out: The government really has no plan ready for handling the shock when the bottom drops out of war production and when millions of Americans will be out of jobs. And business has no plan worked out either. Scores of ideas are talked of both in Wall Street and Washington, but nothing concrete is being done. Of course, there are the bills in Congress to pay unemployment insurance—which in itself shows how helpless political leaders feel in facing this inevitable problem. Will salve on a sore cure infection in the blood? The fact is being neatly avoided and suppressed, but *we haven't even begun to face the problem of unemployment.*

The big banking chiefs admit that the government can't do much without maintaining as severe controls over business and industry in peace as have been maintained in war. Business does not want such control and will not tolerate it. To put it in black and white, the latest figures on what is expected when Germany collapses are: Approximately 12 billion dollars worth of war orders will be cancelled, with the strong likelihood that four to five million workers will immediately find themselves out of jobs; the Army will start demobilizing at the rate of about 300,000 men a month, and these men will justly demand jobs. That process can begin any time now.

Casualty Rumors

The stories being circulated throughout the country to the effect that the American forces fighting in France have suffered extremely heavy casualties because they have been pushed into more severe and difficult situations than the British are not true. When it comes to fighting and sustaining grim losses, our British comrades in arms bear their share gallantly and with courage. The rumors have become current because published casualty reports reveal that twice as many American boys as British are being killed and wounded, although *the American people have not realized that there are twice as many Americans fighting in France as there are British. That fact has been suppressed.* There is quite a row in Washington now about this blunder of sup-

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Sidney Hillman

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The top man in CIO political circles, Sidney Hillman, was born in Russian Lithuania in 1887, the son of a merchant. He graduated from a Jewish seminary and, at twenty years of age, came to New York. A New York newsman, making a detailed report on Hillman, says that he began his American career in New York as a garment worker, but not a humble one. He early came to know Morris Hillquit, the socalist leader, and then made the acquaintance of Leon Trotsky, who was editing a radical paper and writing biting notes on the gum-chewing crowds in the subways.

Within three years, Hillman plunged for power by leading the famous strike against Hart, Schaffner and Marx, and, four years later, he marched a faction out of the United Garment Workers. This faction became the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, wtih Hillman as president. He holds that job today. It is a standard wisecrack among the old-time socialists in the needle trades that "Sidney cut pants a few months and right away became a statesman."

When the revolution of 1917 took Russia out of the first World War, Hillman started a public drive to tie his garment workers to the "international labor movement" then breeding among the communists who seized the power of government as it lay thrashing in the streets of Moscow.

Hillman's union sent a quarter of a million dollars to Russia in 1921 for relief of famine victims, and Hillman himself followed it over to see how the Red holy land was doing.

He gazed on the communist heaven from a handsome villa on the Moskva River, near the Kremlin. There, according to Benjamin Gitlow, a communist who has since recanted, he conferred happily with William Z. Foster and Earl Browder, each of whom has been the communists' nominee for President of the United States.

Now Sidney confers with Democrats—or rather they confer with him. It is the money power of the labor unions that has brought these gents to see Sidney.

Strikes

Look for more and worse strikes as the European war closes. This is the warning now being issued from Washington labor circles to industry. Labor is determined to hold as many of its war gains as possible. Industry realizes that it cannot enter post-war production with the present inflated wage scale unless a complete socialization of our

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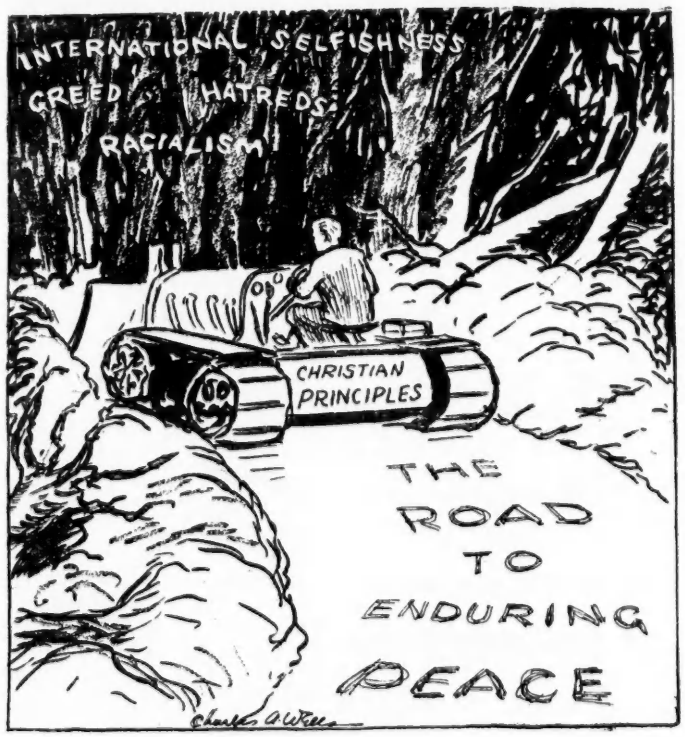
pressing the truth that America has furnished about two-thirds of the fighting men in France although casualty reports, which reveal these percentages, are published.

Two years ago, able, courageous, stubborn Churchill said to Roosevelt, "It's your war as much as ours. You have 140 million people, we have 45 million—you must carry your share." And, as we reported to our readers (Between the Lines, June 7, 1943), the invasion was held up for nearly two years while America trained, equipped and shipped her larger share (60 per cent to 70 per cent) of troops to England.

British Double Play

On the other hand, severe censorship has held down the numerous, well-substantiated reports coming from our military leaders lately returned from India that British imperial leaders are adopting every possible strategy to devise and use the presence of America's armed forces to intimidate and hold down the rebellious Indian people. Hot sessions are being held behind closed doors over this issue, word of which never reaches the public. American military leaders in the India-Burma sector have long emphasized the point that British policy is to hold down India first and whip the Japanese second. General Stilwell has been particularly vocal in expressing these resentments.



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Surplus

When the war is over, estimates indicate that there will be $103,000,000,000 worth of leftovers. In other words, over a third of the war spending was unnecessary and wasteful. Not only that, but the disposition of this huge mountain of goods and materials may cause great dislocation of trade, to say nothing of the endless scandal and graft that such a situation always creates. Our government is making every effort to curtail graft and dishonesty in the process of liquidation, but the waste and loss is now beyond the hand of man.

Vatican and Kremlin

The Pope continues to be a source of anxiety and embarrassment to the Churchill and Roosevelt governments. If any average citizen in America or England begins to talk about a peace negotiated in terms of justice and reasonableness, he is promptly inundated with official and unofficial scorn. But, as we have pointed out often recently, the Pope has a way of speaking up like a Christian gentleman as well as the Vicar of Christ in insisting that settlements negotiated in a Christian spirit of tolerance and brotherhood are the only hope of peace. He does not forget that there are millions of Catholics in Germany, Austria and Spain—and, incidently, thousands in Japan—who look to him for spiritual guidance.

Have you noticed the long list of leading American and British officials who have been flocking to Rome lately—Stimson, Patterson, Somerville, Eden, Churchill and others? It has all been hush-hush, but, if you have kept your eye on the brief items announcing these visits, you couldn't miss the point. Our listening posts within the Catholic world report that the Pope is graciously receiving all the august gentlemen from London and Washington but is making no promises. In the meantime, Stalin is having a chuckling time of it watching these goings and comings while he tosses out rumors here and there that Moscow and the Vatican are exchanging viewpoints and are finding considerable agreement of ideas concerning what should happen in Europe after the war. Our information indicates that there is much more to that than rumor, so that it becomes all the more interesting to hear that Churchill's visit to Rome will be followed before too long by a surprise visit from Roosevelt.

Perhaps you wonder how on earth the Pope and Stalin could see things alike on post-war Europe. Remember that neither of them are concerned with big interlaced steel and textile interests, trade monopolies,

as many of its war gains as possible. Industry realizes that it cannot enter post-war production with the present inflated wage scale unless a complete socialization of our entire economic system takes place; an event which industry never wants to see and which labor leadership realizes dare not come too suddenly.

Weapons

Lavish advertising about American tanks and other military equipment has fooled the American public into believing that our boys always have the advantage in weapons. This belief has caused a lot of irritation at the front. Hanson Baldwin, New York Times war analyst just back from France, says that the German tanks in many instances are superior to our own in armour and mechanism, and that some German anti-tank weapons out-class American designs. You would never guess it from the fancy slick ads appearing every day in which the great corporations pat each other on the back at the taxpayer's expense,—for don't forget that the government, under pressure of big business lobbies, allows the corporations to add their advertising bills to their contract costs.

Reforms in Medicine

Many of America's leading medical men are favoring widespread reform of present day medical service, but are afraid to speak because of the American Medical Association's past record of almost fanatic reaction. Nearly every effort of small groups of people to create health insurance organizations has been met with severe opposition from the AMA. Although group hospital insurance plans are already well established and are meeting with approval and cooperation from American hospitals, group health plans, which would operate in much the same way, are branded inimical to democratic standards by the Medical Association.

Occasionally a prominent doctor will state his views. One of these is Dr. Logan Clendening, well-known health columnist, who urges approval of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell health and social insurance bill, declaring that, although reactionary factions will cry "socialization of medicine," some such change appears to be inevitable in the future. This health plan now before Congress is badly needed, says Dr. Clendening, to lower the cost of medical service, and he believes that Americans generally will support a plan which proposes to give a measure of relief from the expensiveness of private practice.

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It will take great power to cut a road through to enduring peace. The experiences after the last war should make us realize that diplomacy and political effort alone cannot do it. There is much more reason for shame than pride in what statesmen have achieved towards peace in the past generation. New methods, new tools are needed that can break through all the tangled interwoven growth of economic selfishness and roll away the rocky obstructions of hatred that so far have blocked the progress of man toward a stabilized decent society. Within the Christian message can be found the combined power and leverage to do the job. Can we not at last bring to our spiritual progress the genius for the development and application of power that has symbolized our material achievement?

China One of the Four?

Some of the main points of issue, (which are being completely suppressed), in the Dumbarton Oaks international post-war conference seem to be these: Roosevelt, through his spokesmen, is sincerely trying to enforce the principles of the Atlantic Charter which emphasizes freedom and economic justice for all people, yet he is blocked from carrying out his desires by Churchill's blunt rejection of the Charter as it affects British empire investments.

American spokesmen are instructed to stress the place and importance of China in a four power set up, but French, Dutch and British imperial representatives want China played down to minor importance or left out altogether because China, if standing in a place of recognized strength and power, would be a disturbing element among the subjugated peoples of Asia. The French, Dutch and British empires rest on those Asiatic peoples. Russia takes America's side in the controversy.

However, since the empire leaders recognize that they will have to admit China to an accepted place of power, they want to play up and strengthen the hand of Chiang Kai-Shek and throw all possible obstacles in the way of the strong and growing anti-Chiang forces present in China today. Chiang is apparently willing to cooperate with the European imperialists in return for their support against communist influences in China, but Moscow wants to weaken Chiang and to strengthen any and all anti-Chiang forces. Nearly all Asiatic policy discussions are influenced by these conflicting interests and motives.

The American delegation is pushing for recognition of American rights to future security in areas where our boys are now fighting. Factually this means that America should retain rights to military, naval and air bases in numerous islands and mainland points where our enemies now face us. (There are scores of places where American soldiers sleep in new graves under Dutch, French and British empire flags, and already an American merchant may not sell a spool of thread there without preliminary endless red tape in colonial offices.) This is a tender and difficult issue, and the British, French and Dutch are determined that our present military occupations and combined operations shall not be allowed to carry over into peace time for fear of economic threats to long standing monopolies.

These are only some of the points that are of primary importance but concerning which you will hear very little because, in the conference itself, these points are faced only obliquely. In fact, you have here the key to the whole problem of peace—the most important factors that caused World War I and II and will cause World War III are not being faced squarely at all. Keep this in mind and you will see why Roosevelt, Churchill, Hull and others speak as encouragingly as they can but only in vague and general terms. Our world political leadership will not face the moral issues of the war.

Pope and Stalin could see things alike on post-war Europe. Remember that neither of them are concerned with big interlaced steel and textile interests, trade monopolies, the preservation of international banking houses and such which are the predominate concern of the political leaders in London and Washington right now. If you want light on that point go back and read our report on Italy and the secret agreements made between the new Italian government and London (Between the Lines, July 17, 1944).

Post-War Poland

The mystery concerning Russian-Polish-German relationships continues to be largely suppressed and remains extremely intriguing. You'll remember that England and France went to war to guarantee and protect Polish independence as Hitler struck for Warsaw. But on September 17, 1939, Russia invaded Poland, too, and marched clear up to the Bug River, almost half way in from the Russian border. Britain and France said nothing about this. Many Poles, deceived by Russian propaganda, fled east to escape Hitler, expecting friendly aid. Instead they fled right into concentration camps and before firing squads.

For instance, some 10,000 officers, the kind of men upon whom Poland would have to depend in rebuilding any system of government after this war, disappeared behind barbed wire in the Katyn forest near Smolensk early in 1940.

The Germans blamed the Russians and the Russians blamed the Germans, and thus is created another question which will not be cleared up until historians can do research work on this war. When Poland's Government-in-Exile asked to have the Red Cross make an investigation, Stalin had the chance he had been looking for. He broke off relations with Poland, said the Government-in-Exile wasn't representative, and produced a hand-picked Polish Government-in-Exile to function from Moscow.

So things remained until recently. Then Russian troops hit the Bug River line in Poland again, and Stalin announced that this would be the border of the New Poland after this war. Without asking anybody, he simply let the world know he has annexed the 13,000,000 people and 48% of Polish land lying east of the Bug.

Poland's Premier Mikolajczyk in London looked to Churchill to see if the 1939 promise means anything now. All he got was a lifted eyebrow. Same from FDR. The Atlantic Charter counts against Hitler but not against Stalin.

Nisei Treason

The general public has been made to believe that most of the Americans of Japanese ancestry are disloyal saboteurs. We have repeatedly advised our readers of the untruth of this general impression forced upon the American people by the hate specialists, and we have pointed out the fact that any real cases of sabotage or treasonable action would be reported in the press in specific court terms as has been done in the instance of German saboteurs who have been prosecuted and punished.

Such cases against Americans of Japanese descent have been conspicuously absent. However, there is now being played up in much of the press, as if it were a typical and widespread instance, the charges brought by the government against three Japanese-American sisters, evacuated from the West Coast at the outbreak of war, who are accused of assisting Germans to escape from a prisoner-of-war camp in Colorado. One of the recaptured (recaptured after only two days of freedom) Nazis has testified that he obtained equipment for his escape—money, civilian clothing, a flashlight, maps, a railroad timetable and an automobile—from the nisei women.

The wonder is that there have not been more cases of such treason against the United States;—widespread bitterness and disillusionment naturally prevails among citizens who were deprived of homes, businesses and liberty although they were guilty of no offense or misdemeanor.

Internee's Rights

A Federal court judge has openly defended the rights of nisei who, because of evacuation and internment, have become bitter, even when what bitterness and hurt have made them unwilling to serve in the United States Army to fight for the country of which they are citizens.

Judge Louis E. Goodman dismissed the indictment charging that 26 nisei of the Tule Lake relocation center had violated draft regulations. Judge Goodman pointed out that an internee is "not a free agent nor is any plea he may make free or voluntary, and hence he is not accorded due process in this very proceeding."

The court decision in this case said that it was "shocking to the conscience that an American citizen be confined on the ground of disloyalty and then, while so under duress and restraint, be compelled to serve in the armed forces or prosecuted for not yielding to such compulsion."

Dinner Is Served

American fliers, who had been forced to bail out over Occupied China and had been rescued by Chinese guerillas, were dinner guests in Free China of the Japanese People's Emancipation League. This organization is made up of Japanese deserters and prisoners of war who serve the guerillas in intelligence and propaganda capacities. They discussed with the Americans several questions concerning America-Japan relationships and urged that Americans at home be informed that the wars against America and China are against the will of the Japanese people, that it is "Tojo's war" for the Japanese do not hate Americans, that the treatment accorded American prisoners in Japan is kept secret from the Japanese people, and that—as the League's existence itself proves—many Japanese are working to overthrow their own military masters.

For their part, the Americans stressed the fact that because Japanese soldiers apparently did not know that Americans treated Japanese prisoners decently, they resorted to mass suicide and last-ditch fighting. The Emancipation League promised to emphasize in its propaganda the fact that Japanese who fall into American hands are well treated, so that the Japanese soldiers may be more willing to surrender.

Christian Color Blindness

Hawaiians are "color blind" to racial differences. Their observation of and experience with the commingling of various racial strains that make up the population of the Islands have taught them that the "human rainbow" depends for completion and full beauty on all the colors of the different races and nationalities. Such is the belief of the Right Rev. S. Harrington Littell, formerly Episcopal Bishop of Honolulu.

Certainly the treatment accorded citizens of the various races in Hawaii stands out in sharp contrast to the way racial issues are handled in the United States. This is especially true of the Japanese-American situation. Continental United States has felt it necessary to make use of concentration camps for Americans of Japanese descent; Hawaii, which is 2,500 miles nearer Japan, finds such measures unnecessary.

Speaking at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, Bishop Littell said that Hawaiians recognize and appreciate the contributions which all men of all kinds have given to the total good will and progress of the world. "The kind of treatment given to Americans of Japanese ancestry on the mainland would be impossible in Hawaii," he said. "In both areas the attitudes since Pearl Harbor reflect accurately the treatment previously given these groups through many years."

The Bishop from Hawaii pointed out that the 135,000 Japanese-Americans in Hawaii are loyal and intelligent citizens who are faithfully serving the American war effort: 3,600 of them are in the armed forces, hundreds of these have given their lives in the defense of their country. Mainland citizens, said Dr. Littell, need to apply the attitudes and methods, which Hawaiians have found so successful, to further the solution of race tensions between Negro and white, Jew and Christian, as well as in American-Japanese relations, and he reminded his listeners that:

"Recognition of all nations and races, as necessary constituent elements in the family of God, and of equal value to Him, will be the means of overcoming pride of race, domination of achievement and the selfish personal ambitions of men, all of which cause racial hatreds and religious strife, the chief causes of the struggle of our day."

In connection with this report of Bishop Littell's sermon, it is interesting to note that a recent poll taken in Southern California and Arizona shows that an overwhelming proportion of *pastors and church members* favor "freedom of movement to loyal Japanese, anywhere in the United States, on the same basis as other Americans and aliens of other countries," including the right to return to the Pacific coast.

Farmer Protection

Many so-called "farmers' " organizations are blinds behind which big land owning corporations fight legislation and reforms that would benefit the small farmer and tenant farmers. Proof of this was recently brought to light by the Senate La Follette Committee on Civil Liberties and Rights of Labor which investigated a farmers' association of California. The outstanding contributors to this "Associated Farmers of California" for 1934-39, and the amounts given were:

Industrial Association of San Francisco	$15,400
Dried Fruit Association of California	14,276
Canners League of California	13,700
Southern Pacific Company	9,925
Southern Californians, Inc.	6,500
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R.R.	4,995
Pacific Gas and Electric Co.	4,375
San Joaquin Cotton Oil Co.	3,688
Holly Sugar Corporation	3,800
J. D. and A. B. Spreckels Investment Company	3,800
California and Hawaii Sugar Corporation	3,800

All over the country such organizations are set up to protect the interests of large land operators and the corporations with which they are associated. Any organization set up to protect tenant, share-cropper or small farmers is promptly branded communist. It is for this reason that agricultural reforms have come slowly in America.

New Inventions

Have you heard about the new motor fuel that is so much more powerful than the 100 octane gasoline now used in military aviation? It has been perfected and is ready for general military use. Many large refineries have been converted to its production. This new fuel discovery means smaller, more powerful and speedier auto motors after the war. The development of the new fuel has been kept secret until recent brief announcements by the government.

Also, new explosives are being developed rapidly by secret processes in secret war plants throughout the country. They will greatly increase the fire power and destructiveness of every weapon now in use. The new formula is so powerful that it has to be diluted in TNT!